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As a computer professional in the with 15 years experience in the field, I would like to take the time to comment briefly under the Tunney Act on the proposed Microsoft settlement.

My computing work today is on a competing product to Microsoft - the Linux operating system. I am concerned that the Proposed Final Judgment as laid out does little to ensure there won't be a strong counterattack against my operating system of choice. Should the Proposed Final Judgment be accepted it would be of little surprise that a free and open operating system would suffer a significant set back because of litigation from a (currently) quite Microsoft. In many places Microsoft has identified this OS as it's number one competitor. Although Linux has strength in numbers it has major weakness in finance. I anticipate its downfall should the Proposed Final Judgment not be strengthened.

The specific area that I would like to see addressed is the use of restrictive licenses to keep Windows applications from running on competitive operating systems. (see <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html#isv.atl>)

Thanks you so much for your time,

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